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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: CASC, CPAS, ASEC, PINS, CU, CA

SUBJECT: AMERICAN FUGITIVES IN CUBA

REFERENCE: BOWEN-HOLLIDAY TELCON

1. CHAIRMAN OF BOARD OF AIR CANADA HAS RULED OUT TRANSPORTING SKYJACKERS ON REGULAR PASSENGER FLIGHTS, BUT AIR CANADA WITH TWENTY-FOUR HOURS ADVANCED NOTICE CAN MAKE AVAILABLE CHARTER TO FLY TO HAVANA AND RETURN DIRECTLY TO NEW YORK OR TO MONTREAL AND AFTERWARDS TO POINT IN US SUCH AS PLATTSBURGH, NEW YORK, AIR FORCE BASE, OR NEW YORK, AT COST OF TWELVE TO FOURTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS. SUCH ARRANGEMENT IS ACCEPTABLE TO JUSTICE DEPARTMENT.

2. PLEASE ADVISE SOONEST ON FOLLOWING:
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(A) WOULD CUBANS ACCEPT TURNING SKYJACKERS OVER TO AIR CANADA CHARTER WHICH FILED FLIGHT PLAN FROM HAVANA TO NEW YORK? FLIGHT PLAN FROM HAVANA TO MONTREAL?

(B) WOULD CUBANS FLY SKYJACKERS OUT ON CUBANA CHARTER, SUCH AS EMPTY THEY HAVE ASKED TO FLY TO SAN JUAN MARCH 16 TO PICK

UP ATHLETES AND TOURISTS?

(C) WOULD CUBANS BE WILLING USE ABOVE FLIGHT WITH INTER-MEDIATE STOP IN COUNTRY SUCH AS DOMINICAN REPUBLIC ENROUTE TO SAN JUAN?

(D) WOULD CUBANS FLY SKYJACKERS OUT ON CUBANA CHARTER TO US CITY?

(E) WHAT ARE PROSPECTS OF CUBANS AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL SKYJACKERS TO LEAVE IN ORDER THAT MORE MIGHT BE INCLUDED ON CHARTER FLIGHT?

3. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY OTHER SUGGESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE TO RESOLVE TRANSPORT PROBLEM.

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